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Plenty to be thankful
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Laurie O'Sullivan, from left, her husband Tim and their friend Joan Duhaime of the Highlands (with Russ Duhaime out of frame) stand in front of St. Nora Lake during an afternoon snowshoe trek at the Frost Centre snowshoe trails on Tuesday, Jan. 18 in the Algonquin Highlands. The trail system is located off Highway 35, a short drive north of Carnarvon. A recent snowstorm helped with snow accumulations all over the Highlands bringing ideal conditions for winter activities. See algonquinhighlands.ca/ski-snowshoe-trails.php for more information. /DARREN LUM Staff

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The Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation (HHACF) is very excited to announce its first Founding Corporate Sponsorship with Home Hardware Building Centre, which has locations in Haliburton and in Minden.

Dan and Emily Moulton, dealer-owners of Home Hardware Building Centre, have committed their company to the foundation with a donation of $25,000 this year.

The board of directors of the HHACF would like to welcome Minden and Haliburton Home Hardware Centres to its growing list of individual, business, government, municipal and arts supporters.

This significant donation will help fund important activities the HHACF has planned for 2022, including follow-up steps to the feasibility study being conducted by Janis A. Barlow & Associates. The study is scheduled to be completed by the spring of 2022, and the Foundation will publicize the results.

Dan and Emily Moulton said, "we are very pleased and committed to supporting the HHACF in its mission to build and operate a world-class performing arts centre in Haliburton County. We believe strongly in the economic impact that this project will bring to our region, and we would like to encourage all local companies and individuals to pledge their support in the coming year!"

Dan Manley, HHACF president said, "we are delighted to welcome Home Hardware as a Founding Sponsor for the HHACF in 2022! Word of the Foundation is spreading, but in these early stages, it's donations like this that take our fundraising campaign to the next level. We hope that fellow business owners share in Dan and Emily's economic vision for the Haliburton Highlands."

Home Hardware of Haliburton assistant store manager Nigel Milne, from left, Home Hardware Building Centre owner Dan Moulton and district general manager Glen Rickerby, and Haliburton Homeware assistant manager Paul Walker presented a $25,000 cheque to the Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation president Daniel Manley, its committee chair Drew Allen and director Michael Clipperton on Jan. 19 in Haliburton. The $25,000 donation makes the Building Centre, which has locations in Haliburton and Minden, the first founding sponsor. Dealer-owner, Emily Moulton was absent for the photo. /NICK BERNARD Staff

The HHACF launched its sponsorship campaign in November 2021, with the distribution of a flyer which outlines various levels of donations and recognition for individuals and local businesses. For further details on the foundation and its mission, as well as a complete list of supporters, please go to our website at www.hhartscentrefoundation.ca.

For further information on making a donation for your company, please contact, Dan Manley (daniel.manley@hhartscentrefoundation.ca), or sponsorship committee chair, Drew Allen (drewmurrayallen@gmail.com).

Submitted by Dan Manley

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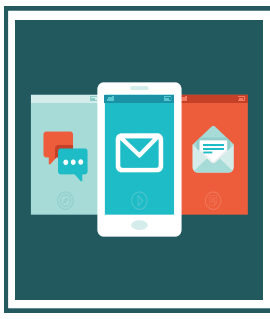

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Dog days of winter

Skijoring offers opportunity to harness dog-power

EMILY STONEHOUSE
Yours Outdoors

Highlands resident Karen Koehler is a world-class competitor in the skijoring world, and enjoys every moment with her dogs running and playing. Photo by Floriane Vallery.

There's something about being outdoors in the winter that feels magical. The air is crisper, the colours pop, and on a sunny day, everything sparkles. If you've tried cross-country skiing before, you know the satisfying sound of the skis slicing through crisp, fresh snow.

If you try skijoring, you'll get this experience, and more.

Instructor and world-class competitor Karen Koehler said you will experience similarities to skiing, but your senses will be heightened.

"It is like you have gained a superpower as you speed along with your dog," she said.

Skijoring is the marriage of cross-country skiing with dog sledding.

The skier provides the power with the skis and poles, while the dog or dogs add additional power. For many dogs, pulling and running is an innate instinct.

"You finally are able to keep up with your companion who can cover ground much more quickly than you," Koehler said.

Koehler is a world-class competitor in the skijoring world. She helped bring the International Federation of Sleddog Sports (IFSS), Winter World Championship to Haliburton in 2017, where she competed and placed as top North American female in two events. She competed at the IFSS 2015 Dryland World Championships in Bristol Quebec, and has competed in World Championships in Germany, Alaska and Norway. Koehler is the director of the Canadian Association of Harness Dog Sports, and has been teaching people to do activities outdoors since 1997.

She got into the skijoring world in 2004 when her beloved dog, Robbie, a retired sled dog, had too much energy to enjoy a traditional walk in the park.

"He wanted to run and pull, and that was the way I could go as fast as he wanted and be sure he was safe," Koehler said. "Skijoring and bikejoring allowed us to be able to travel safely as a team in more settings."

The skijoring sessions range from 1.5 to two hours, and are designed for people (and dogs) of any skill level to participate. If you are new to the sport, Koehler strongly recommends going with a guide.

"My favourite way to learn a new sport is actually being with someone knowledgeable," she said. "There's a chance to ask questions and receive information you may not have picked up through your own research."

While many dogs enjoy running and pulling, Koehler notes that this sport may not be for every dog. She says that there may be some dogs who have certain physical limitations, and a veterinarian would not approve of this type of endurance, the same way some humans are not recommended to ski by their doctors. Koehler also notes that age is not necessarily a factor for a running dog, as she enjoyed skijoring with Robbie until he was 15-years-old. Robbie lived to be 16-years-old, and Koehler says one day, he just made it clear he didn't feel like running anymore, so they switched to walking.

"I think of him often imagining him running loose with me as I am out with the dogs I have now. We had so much fun together in the great outdoors, covering miles of woodland together, each of us being an athletic member of the team."

At the heart of Karen's lessons are care and compassion for dogs, and skijoring offers an opportunity to connect, play, run, and bond with your furry best friend. Skijoring lessons are offered through Yours Outdoors, and will be running as long as conditions permit. For more information, check out www.yoursoutdoors.ca

Snowmobilers asked to stay off closed trails in Haliburton

The Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police and the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association is reminding area residents and visitors to be patient and stay off local Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) trails that remain closed.

Riders who choose to ignore the closed trail signs or attempt to go around closed gates are placing themselves, club volunteers and the local OFSC club at risk. Riding these trails before they are opened can cause damage to private property and may result in loss of riding opportunities in the area.

Members of the OPP will be out this week conducting enforcement and charging riders who choose to ignore these rules. Please check to ensure trails are available and passable with the OFSC website, www.ofsc.on.ca/trailmaps/. More information is also available through the Haliburton County Snowmobiles Association website at hcsa.ca.

"Riding on unavailable trails sets us back in the preparation process. We are concerned about on-trail hazards, such as rocks and logs and you may be trespassing. A snowmobile trail requires a safety audit, which involves checking signage and potential hazards before it can open safely. Most trails here are on private property. All gates and barriers are closed for a reason. Please let your local club make arrangements to open any gate. A snowmobile trail is an unengineered product, which changes rapidly and frequently due to terrain, weather, and club grooming cycles. Be aware, ride safely."

Submitted by Haliburton Highlands OPP

What's in a name?

JANET TRULL
Special to County Life

County Life writer Janet Trull offers insight into the origin story behind who Haliburton is named after and why. /DARREN LUM Staff

Haliburton. It has a nice ring to it. But where did the name come from?

Thomas Chandler Haliburton (1796-1865) wrote Canada's first fiction best seller. His stories about Sam Slick of Slickville, were popularized in a Nova Scotia newspaper series and published as a collection in The *Clockmaker*. People loved Sam Slick, an arrogant American famous for clever sayings such as "Quick as a wink," or "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," and "Facts are stranger than fiction." Sam Slick was not above offending people, either, with beauties like this one: "Wise men, like wine, are best when old; Pretty women, like bread, are best when young."

Like Mark Twain, Haliburton was a humorist who created popular fictional characters representative of the 19th Century, exposing the flaws and foibles of human nature. Slick was a smart-mouthed misogynist and know-it-all. Haliburton, his creator, was just plain smart. As well as a writer, Haliburton was a businessman, a politician, a lawyer and a judge.

Why was our fair village named after this guy? Good question! It could just as easily have been named Gidaaki, the Anishnaabe name for the region. Many of our lakes have retained versions of Indigenous names. Or at least imperfect renderings of what Indigenous people told white explorers. Haliburton could also have been called Lucasville, after Captain John Lucas, an early settler, mill owner and first reeve of Dysart et al. His large family (wife Aliza and their 12 children) lived in the stately yellow brick house that still stands across from the municipal office on Maple Avenue. How about Duganville after the Dugan family who successfully farmed the property where the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve property is now? There are dozens of pioneers who deserved naming rights. How did they go to a guy who never set foot in our beloved highlands?

As always, we follow the money. Haliburton chaired the Canadian Land and Emigration Company, an investment opportunity to develop and promote settlement in the northern townships. Which was formerly Crown Land. Which was formerly traditional territory of Anishinaabek peoples. For 50 cents an acre, the company bought up around 400,000 acres. Swampland (now recognized as environmentally precious wetlands) they got for free. When Haliburton died in 1865, his colleagues thought it would be a nice gesture to lend his name to the village at Head Lake.

The company envisioned that the village would one day become a hub city. Their grand plans included an extension of the Victoria Railway beyond Haliburton to Mattawa, where it would join the Canadian Pacific Railway, connecting Haliburton to the national capital, Ottawa. From there, goods and passengers could travel all the way to the Atlantic Ocean in the east and the Pacific Ocean in the west. Sea to sea.

Circumstances conspired to kill that idea. The landscape was too rough, the weather too severe, the bugs too voracious. The Haliburton Station, the landmark building on York Street occupied, now, by the Rails End Gallery, was the last stop.

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GO-VAXX bus returning to Haliburton County

Mobile vaccination bus schedules three stops

The GO-VAXX bus will once again be rolling into the area, but with a slight change to how it operates.

The retrofitted GO bus that serves as a mobile COVID-19 vaccination clinic will be available to provide first, second and booster doses to eligible individuals. COVID-19 vaccines for children aged five to 11-years-old will also be available. Moderna will be provided to individuals 30 and older, unless they have a documented allergy to Moderna.

This is not the first time the GO-VAXX bus has stopped in the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit area. This time though, individuals who wish to be vaccinated must book their GO-VAXX bus appointment in advance.

Appointments can be booked starting at 8 a.m. the day before the mobile clinic and can be booked through the Provincial Booking System or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900.

"Being fully vaccinated with a booster dose has proven to be effective in preventing severe illness and hospitalization against the Omicron variant," said Doreen Boville, Health Promoter with the HKPR District Health Unit. "To ensure anyone needing a vaccine can get one, appointments are necessary for a smooth rollout."

Individuals wishing to get a vaccine on the GO-VAXX bus are asked to bring their Ontario health card. If you do not have a health card or your health card is expired, bring another form of government photo ID such as a driver's license, passport, Status card, or birth certificate.

Clinics will run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Three stops are scheduled for Haliburton County: Saturday, Jan. 29, at the A.J. LaRue Arena, located at 728 Mountain St, Haliburton; Saturday, Feb. 5, at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre, located at 2249 Loop Rd, Wilberforce; Saturday, Feb. 12, A.J. LaRue Arena, located at728 Mountain St, Haliburton.

If you are unable to book an appointment with the GO-VAXX bus, the health unit has appointments available at COVID-19 vaccination clinics being held throughout the region. A list of dates and times is available at www.hkpr.on.ca. Residents are also encouraged to check with local pharmacies or their primary health care providers for more opportunities to get vaccinated.

Submitted

The moon is in Mercury retrograde, don't'cha know

Maybelle's

Fireside stories

WHY IF OL' Maybelle doesn't have a song rolling around in my head from that 60s musical, "Hair", don'tcha know.

"When the moon is in the Seventh house, and Jupiter aligns with Mars … then peace will guide the planet and love will steer the stars. This is the dawning of the age of Aquarius."

Well, right now, it feels more like the dawning of the age of Murphy's Law, don'tcha know. That's right. With the moon in Mercury Retrograde that started on Jan. 14 and goes to Feb. 3, ol' Maybelle's been experiencing all kinds of crazy things and so have my friends.

Now, for those of you who may roll your eyes at the influence the position of the planets has on us humans, you might just say, "Oh, Maybelle, it's just co-winky-dinky when weird stuff happens."

Well, I'm going to share this past week of strange happenings with you, in case you may be experiencing it, too, and might find some relief knowing you're not losing your mind.

First off, yes, we had a cold snap the likes of which your lips could freeze just saying hello, and wouldn't you know, there I was last Sunday morning standing in what I thought was going to be a nice hot morning shower when suddenly, the water stops. Wha? No water? Oh, boy. Well, no cajoling could wring anything out of that spout. Not a drop.

So, I quickly wrapped myself in the cold morning air and clomp my way to the kitchen to try that faucet. Nada. I'm thinking, the well froze. Better call Beanpole. He's good at fixing things.

Long and short of it, this is the fourth day ol' Maybelle has no running water. Oh, it could be a lot worse. Way worse. My cottage is toasty warm and I have food in my fridge. Plus, Twindle Mumbly and Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom brought over a whole whack of big jugs of water to get me by. So, I am grateful for that.

Beanpole thought it was some frozen blockage in the well, but after putting down a heat line those hapless water faucets still remain comatose. So, now he's got to pull out all of those yards and yards and yards of twisted wires from the well and look for a broken spot. Last time we had to do that, why Beanpole had to drag that braid of technology all the way down the hill from my cottage, don'tcha know. That time it was in the summer. Now he's got to go hunting for it with the wires laid out in the snow. Thanks, Mercury Retrograde!

Now aside from electrical things going haywire, this is a time when your mind can get a bit fuzzy. Losing things can happen, like the other day. Beanpole lost his keys, I lost a mitten, and Vilma Yucch couldn't find her left earring. The toaster shoots toast up to the ceiling and the tele goes on all by itself. My electric coffee pot boils over and my remote car starter tells me to take a hike. A pencil point breaks, my pen runs out of ink and I'm afraid that if I lay down on my bed the bedframe will cave in.

So, I'm thinking, there's got to be something to this astrology stuff. If you find that crazy things seem to be happening to you right now, just know that it will pass like bad pastrami. And if you feel an urge to argue with a good friend, DON'T. Just take some deep breaths, have a nice cuppa tea, and let Mercury do it's thing until it settles down like a kid throwing a tantrum 'til it just runs out of steam.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden whose novel, "Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon," and "Maybelle's Cure for What Ails You" are available at amazon.com.

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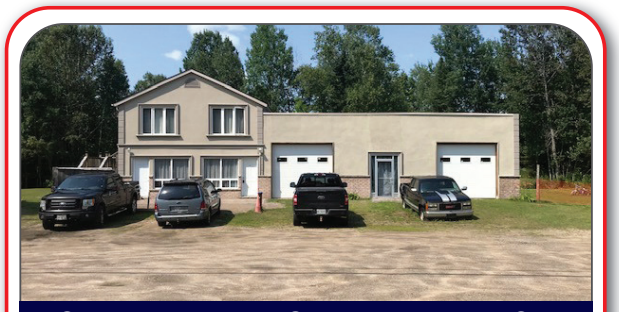

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We can't thank you enough

LISA TOMPKINS
Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation

WITH THE year past ending, and the new year beginning with significant challenges for so many, we continue to be humbled by and tremendously grateful for the generosity of all those who support local health care in the Haliburton Highlands. So we'll take this opportunity to say thanks!

Thanks!

To the extraordinary generosity of almost 800 donors who contributed $243,910 to our annual "Believe in the Magic of Giving" campaign, resulting in 993 extra meals to those in need of our Meals on Wheels program, funding for 282 trips for medically-required transportation; the completion of our fundraising for the Workstation on Wheels, which is appropriately referred to as "WOWs"; and reaching 50 per cent of our goal to fund a new Nurse Call Bell System for the two Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) long-term care homes.

The WOWs have proven to be an important component of the new Clinical Information System that went live in December. These powered, mobile ergonomic technology carts are practical for patient care workflow, and an important tool for medical professionals; they can house both the digital medical record technology equipment (for example tablets), as well as have the potential for carrying other medical equipment and supplies.

The new Nurse Call Bell System is now being implemented in both Hyland Crest in Minden, and Highland Wood in Haliburton long term care homes, complementing the work already completed in Haliburton hospital.

A nurse call button is a button, or cord, found in hospitals and nursing homes, at places where residents or patients are at their most vulnerable, such as beside their bed and in the bathroom. It allows patients in health care settings to alert a nurse or other health care staff member remotely of their need for help.

The new system being implemented is a powerful platform for clinical connectivity to help improve resident/patient safety and satisfaction, improve efficiency at the point of care, and integrate into the healthcare enterprise. This state-of-the-art system will provide integration across the long-term care homes (all floors), and emergency and acute-care departments

Thanks!

To those who supported local health care by participating in the Foundation's 50/50 Lottery. Our December jackpot was our biggest yet at $7,080, for jackpot totals to date of $22,670, and $22,670 to our capital equipment campaigns.

Thanks!

To the extraordinary HHHS staff, who continue to work tirelessly to provide the quality of care we've come to rely on in the Haliburton Highlands. The expertise and dedication across the breadth of the organization is remarkable, and we THANK YOU for recognizing them through your generosity.

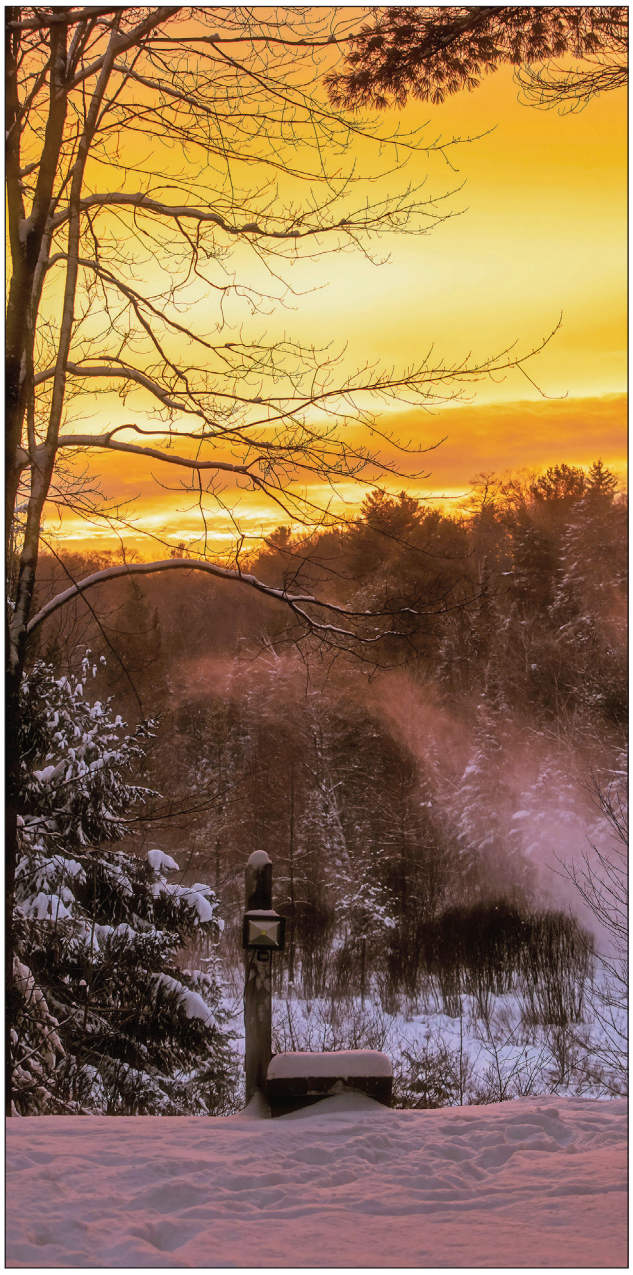
HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS HEALTH SERVICES FOUNDATION

Top 10 things you don't want mailed to you in a see-through package

YESTERDAY, WHEN I went to pick up my mail, I was surprised to see a pair of pants sent to me in clear packaging. It was no big deal really. After all, every wear pants sooner or later. But this also got me thinking that there are probably some things too embarrassing to be mailed in see-through packaging for all the world to see. Among these are:

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. Your subscription to Belchmaster monthly.
2. Your toupee of the month.
3. A customer appreciation letter from the good people at Preparation H.
4. A Trump University Degree
5. Your Hello Kitty cosplay suit.
6. The nude paintings you posed for in college.
7. Industrial strength deodorant.
8. The false teeth you left at the bar.
9. A book titled, "Learn to Mime."
10. Your Flat-Earth Society Membership Card.



Blazing sky
A golden sky greeted area photographer Tammy Nash of Algonquin Highlands early last week on Jan. 17. /Submitted by Tammy Nash

Offering

Deer peering through the pillars of trees,
springing from the side of the road,
frozen as Air, its hooves rooted in Snow.
I dare not move from the middle of the road,
staring back at the stillness of the deer,
its fur blurring into the bark of trees, that offer quiet camaraderie for the lone doe,
its solitude exposed by my prying eyes,
the space between us swelling, with a silence loud as Snow.
It bends its head to sniff at the Snow,
and I wonder what morsels lie buried beneath,
foraging in my coat pocket, plucking out an apple core I forgot to discard,
placing the shard of apple remains onto the plate of my palm.
I hold the offering into the Air, waiting for the deer to notice,
as I watch its leanness heave beneath its fur,
the bones of birches poking through Snow,
scraps of their bark dangling from their trunks,
skinned by weather and time.
I watch and wait, my hand numbing from cold,
holding my Breath,
as the doe lopes across the road towards the meagre offering resting in my palm.
I dare not blink, I dare not fidget,
as the deer bends its head towards my palm,
so close, I hear it breathe,
sharing Air with this creature that places its trust in the palm of my hand,
snatching the apple core as I stand still and breathe,
my other hand yearning to stroke the deer's fur,
but I've dared too much and the doe bolts at the first flicker of a finger,
disappearing back into the trees,
pillows of Snow padding its hooves as it flees,
as I remain standing in the middle of the road,
peering through the pillars of trees,
my palm still warm from
its Breath.

Sylvie Kalenda

Saving Grace

This one's for the terrapins who sleep nearby
through cold
Stomping ground is wetlands, always has been
(earth is old)
Marvel at their primal paradigm to stay and breed
Inside territory for new eggs near pond and reed

Marvel at the silent sight of turtles crossing road
Getting close, I hear them scrape as each transports
her load
Snappers even hiss a bit and try to nip my hand
Which I use quite nervously to guide her to safe land

One mum in particular has trudged her route
for years
Roadside pit in gravel for a shallow nest she clears
Many baby snappers poke their tiny nostrils out
All they know is they must find their habitat
no doubt

Oldest known among the terrapins in highlands here
Is by locals thought to be beyond her hundredth year
Even I have spotted her move boldly over grass
From the schoolroom window of a summer
painting class

Locals call her Grace, which was my own
grandmother's name
Stalwart, sturdy history keeps lit a family flame
Somewhere in these parts near marsh or stream or
lake or mud
Progeny of Grace will feel a lifeline in their blood

Someone told me business folk are claiming
her domain
Even filling in the open spaces where she's lain
My heart would be broken if old Grace were
smothered here
As she hibernated, and denied another year

Submitted by Deborah J Reed

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Deborah J Reed

Community Events

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Environment Haliburton, in collaboration with Climate Action Muskoka and Seniors for Climate Action Now!
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Nature in our backyard ... or front yard

Kristin Mitchell submitted this photo of her dad John Mitchell just before Christmas with the neighbourhood buck who some of the neighbours have affectionately named Carl.

Algonquin Highlands resident Tammy Nash captured this woodpecker at the front of her house on Jan. 13.

Area photographer Tammy Nash spotted a chickadee in front of her house and captured it on the branch of a tree last month.

From Kashagawigamog Lake Road, Tanya Smith captured the moon on Sunday, Jan. 16 at dusk.

County Life **welcomes photo submissions, depicting life in the Highlands. Email darren@ haliburtonpress.com. Please, ensure images are high resolution - 300 dpi, 10 inches at its longest edge.**

Local Landmark Mystery

Local Landmarks reveal. Some of you recognized "The Ree Cycler", a life-sized sculpture of a cyclist created from reclaimed scrap metal by Leo Sepa. The sculpture is located in front of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Submitted by Thom Lambert

Window to the past

The following are images of a local landmark. Try to guess what the landmark is and see in the next week's *County Life* for the reveal. Concept from Thom Lambert, who has informative posts about things to see and do in the Highlands through Myhaliburtonhighlands on Instagram. /DARREN LUM Staff

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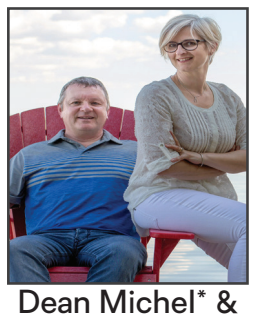

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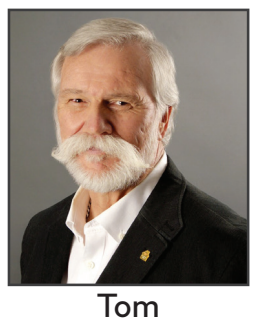

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(Hint: 26 = **R**)

A. **12 26 7 19 26 4 25**

Clue: Methodically arranged

B. **23 19 16 11**

Clue: Tidy

C. **24 12 26 11**

Clue: Categorize

D. **12 26 15 16 23 1 6 19**

Clue: Order

Answers: A. orderly B. neat C. sort D. organize

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell
something pertaining to getting organized.

L E I S F

Answer: Files

Guess Who?

I am a rapper born in Miami on January 15, 1981. I was once on the wrong side of the law, but I got my act together thanks to music, gaining fame for my 2009 album.

Answer: Pitbull

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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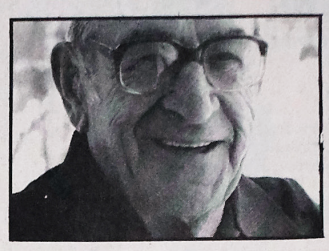
INSIDE THE ECHO

Cathy Boake spent last year in Australia and found she did a lot of talking about the weather and answering questions about snow. For details, see page 3.

Health enthusiasts want to start up a County Fitness Centre and need 100 other members to sign up by the middle of February. For details, see page 7.



Men who worked at the International Cooperage will remember the smile and stories of the green side's foreman, Brant Sisson. For more details, see page 8

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Riding for handicapped kids...

Some 82 participants raised more than $15,000 for handicapped children in the Haliburton Rotary Snowarama on Saturday. Here John Robinson, centre, who rode for $2,030 in pledges, the highest amount brought in by an participant, looks on as Rotarian Maurice McKee, right, provides a free fill courtesy of Shell Oil and local Shell dealers.

Snowarama riders raise $15,000

Abundant snow in the area helped draw riders to the Haliburton Snowarama on Saturday

Haliburton Rotary's Snowarama for Easter Seals was a huge success last Saturday, raising more than $15,000 in cash and pledges. A total of 82 riders turned up at Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Preserve to participate in the 100 kilometre ride, one of dozens held across Ontario in support of physically handicapped youngsters.

Most riders collected money from sponsors before the ride began, and as a result, about $12,500 in cash was handed over at the registration desk, an amount that almost matches the combined total of cash and pledges from last year's ride.

The traditional rivallary among local riders to raise the highest pledge total spurred participants to new heights. The honour of riding for the most money went to John Robinson, who took over from long-time leader Paul Wilson with $2,030 on the pledge sheets. Wilson's total this year was $1,120.

Two local public school youngsters also pitched in to make this year's ride a success. Joel Edwards brought in a total of $200, while Jason Parish had more than $80 to show for his efforts to sign up sponsors.

Weather conditions were just about ideal for the ride, with temperatures a few degrees below the freezing mark and light winds.

Lack of snow in other areas may have given the local ride a boost this year. While the Highlands have less snow than in other years, trail conditions are considered good, and participants seemed happy both with the weather and the route.

Riders received a free fuel fill up courtesy of Shell Oil and area dealers Sid Stamp Fuels, Shamrock Service Centre, Eagle Lake Foodtown, Riverside Garage and Fort Irwin Marina. Participants also got a free lunch at the half way mark in the ride.

Minden Rotary will hold its Snowarama on Saturday, February 13.

Local students to stage 'mini' Olympic torch relay

by MARTHA PERKINS

Staff Reporter

Relay marks the start of a month of Olympic activities at J.D. Hodgson School

IF YOU can't make it to Calgary for the Winter Olympics, and the television version just doesn't quite match the real thing, don't worry. A mini Olympics will be taking place in Haliburton; mini that is, because the participants will be the students of the J. Douglas Hodgson Senior Elementary School.

On February 1, a hand-made torch (there's no flame) will begin on its path from the front of the school at 9:30 in the morning. From there, 34 school participants will carry it in short relays, going from the school, through the highschool property, along Highway 121 to the street light on Highland Street, south along Maple Street to York Street, past the Rails' End Gallery, go back on the highway until making a left onto County Road 1 and then end at the school.

The torch bearers are two representatives, picked at random, from each home room class, one person from the trainable mentally handicapped class and one student from the Kinark class. At each relay station they will be aided by teachers who will be on hand should any difficulties arise. When on the main roads, the participants will be accompanied by two OPP cruisers.

The relay will be just the beginning of month-long plans focusing on the Winter Olympics, being held next month in Calgary, Alberta. In classrooms, most teachers will be modifying their course programs to fit into with the theme of the Olympics: history students will learn when the Olympics started; geography students will find out more about the dif-

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Echo and staff win awards for excellence

THE ECHO and its staff have won four more awards in provincial community newspaper competition. The four awards, announced last week by the Ontario Community Newspapers Association, compliment the 17 other provincial and national awards The Echo and its staff have garnered in the past few years.

The Haliburton County Echo captured second prize for overall excellence in Ontario community newspapers with a circulation of between 4,500 and 6,500 copies. The award, judged by media representatives from the Maritime provinces, is based on issues from May and November of 1987.

The Echo's editorial page was judged to be the best among all newspapers in its circulation category, based on content and presentation.

Editor Len Pizzey also was a winner in the photography contest sponsored by Ontario's Ministry of Natural of Resources, for a photo published on The Echo's editorial page last summer.

And for the second year in a row, staff reporter Martha Perkins has won an award for her feature writing. A series of her stories on the area's early days as recalled by older residents, won second prize from Ontario's Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism.

Echo publisher Len Pizzey said the awards would not have been possible without the committment and hard work of the newspaper's staff.

''Our goal has always been to produce a newspaper the community can be proud of'' Pizzey said. ''We want to do the best job we can for readers and advertisers. And if the quality of our work is recongized by others in the industry, it's a bonus that makes the effort even more worthwhile.''

The awards will be presented at the annual Ontario Community Newspapers convention in Toronto in early March.

Guelph residents sign petition against bounty

by MARTHA PERKINS

Staff reporter

The ''nay'' vote objectors to an increased bounty on wolves have a few more members on their side - 237 to be exact - after a former Haliburton resident started a petition urging the county of Haliburton to reconsider its position on the threat of wolves.

''From an ecological perspective, we feel that the bounty on wolves is unnecessary and even harmful, for not only does the wolf have an important function in maintaining a balance among other species, but it also has an inherent ability to regulate its own population in accordance with the abundance or scarcity of food,'' the petition reads. ''We feel that the protection of this wild, intelligent creature should be encouraged and we urge the government to enforce its law (that wolves are entitled to some hunting protection because they are fur-bearing animals).''

The originator of the petition is 19-year-old Megan Perigoe Stitt, a Grade 13 student in Guelph who lived in Haliburton for five years. It was during those years she met naturalist and author R.D. Lawrence, who was giving a talk at the Rails' End Gallery about his book on cougars. She was interested in wolves, but she welcomed any opportunity to meet the author of the many books she had read while living in the city.

A friendship developed once Megan told Lawrence about her fascination for wolves. For her it began when she was in Grade 4 and her father took her camping in Algonquin Park. One day they saw a wolf standing four feet away from them. ''I was just fascinated by it and impressed by the way it was looking with his eyes.'' The image of that wolf would stick with her for years.

When Megan and her family moved away a little more than a year ago, that friendship did not wane and in January, Lawrence phoned her to tell her about Haliburton County council's decision to increase the wolf bounty from $25 to $50. She was already on his side about objecting to the decision, but phoned warden Murray Fearrey to find out more about it. She also looked through the Game and Fish Act to find the clause which stated the proposed bounty was illegal since 1980.

Lawrence suggested she write a letter to the Echo, which she did, but Megan also decided to draft a petition ''to let the council know that people are aware of what's going on in Haliburton.''

In a telephone interview, she said that outside opposition to the bounty is merited because ''in one sense it sets a precedent for other areas.''

But what she didn't want was people in the farming area of Guelph to sign it just because they knew her. ''Actually, I was quite interested to see the reaction'' she said. She sent a covering letter to the highschool

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A RARE FIND! 1677 feet of frontage and 6+ acres fronting on both beautiful Twelve Mile Lake and Little Boshkung Lake. This point lot is totally private and takes in multiple exposures and has stunning lake views. The historic "Strathcona Lodge" was located here. The original foundation is still present and has the potential to be built on. Two small historic cabins are also on the subject property. Don't miss this opportunity to build your dream home or getaway on one of the most peaceful settings in Haliburton County.
Price is plus HST

WENONA LAKE ROAD $799, 000

Looking for privacy in a large, spacious home on a year-round road, close to Haliburton Village? Stop looking! This amazing 4+bed/3 bath home on 50+ acres has everything you need. Warm wood finishes welcome you into a large eat-in kitchen, highlighted with the character and charm of an antique wood cookstove. Pantry for added storage. Two living rooms provide space for the whole family. A large garage with commercial size door offers amazing opportunities for the mechanically inclined. Hardwood forest with pretty trails for outdoor adventures. Enjoy more of the outdoors with Wenona Lake boat launch minutes away.

UNICORN ROAD $549,000

Your opportunity for a secluded, peaceful off grid Haliburton retreat is here! This 237 acres is the perfect destination to enjoy nature's natural beauty. Fantastic trails throughout the property. Nestled amongst the trees with a tranquil view of one of the many ponds, is a cute 22 x 22 cabin. The wood finishings throughout creates a warm and cozy feeling. Settle in and warm up in front of the wood burning stove. 24 x 24 detached garage is the ideal building to store all of your year round toys. Quick access to amenities in Haliburton Village and cell service throughout the property keeps you in the loop while enjoying your escape from the hustle and bustle.

KAWAGAMA LAKE $279,000

Stunning south views across the lake. This property has a fantastic shoreline of mixed sand/gravel gradual entry to the water. Hydro is at the lot line and there is good cell service. This is easily accessible from either marina on the lake. Enjoy this affordable lot in the summer while you make your plans for your new cottage. Great fishing year-round and fantastic snowmobiling in the winter.

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